

## **Income Tax - Prior Year Refund Check (Years 2001 and Earlier)**

*How can I receive a replacement income tax refund check for a prior year?*

This information *only* pertains to refunds for tax years 2001 and earlier.

If you did not cash your refund check within the six months of the issued date, if you did not receive your refund check, or if your refund check was lost or destroyed, you can request that a new refund be issued. The fastest way to receive the reissued refund is to have the refund directly deposited to your bank account.

If your refund is more than 15 months old and was issued after June 30, 2001, it may have already been sent to the Colorado State Treasury Unclaimed Property Office. You can contact them at 303-894-2443 or at 800-825-1111, or visit their Web site at [www.treasurer.state.co.us](http://www.treasurer.state.co.us)

The Department of Revenue cannot reissue a refund issued prior to July 1, 2001 that was a result of wage withholding reported on the tax return because the refund is past the four-year statute of limitations. All other income tax refunds can be reissued.

You can start the refund check reissue process by signing an authorization letter. To have the letter mailed to you go to [www.myincometax.state.co.us](http://www.myincometax.state.co.us) or contact our automated phone service at (303) 238-3278. The authorization letter is not available online due to confidential information needed. When filling out the form if you choose to have your refund direct deposited place your bank routing and account number at the bottom of the letter and return it to:

Colorado Department of Revenue  
Income Tax Section  
1375 Sherman St., Room 238  
Denver, CO 80261

**PLEASE NOTE: Upon receipt of your documentation it may take 8-12 weeks to process and issue your refund. Also, the authorization letter is not available online because confidential information is included in the letter. You must contact us to get the authorization letter mailed to you.**